

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

COMPLETE LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-29 : (Canceled)

Claim 30 : (New) A portable instrument for creating a visual display on a target in a pointing mode of operation, and for selectively electro-optically reading coded indicia in a reading mode of operation, the instrument comprising:

a) a housing extending along an axis between opposite end regions and having a size and a shape configured to be held in a user's hand during both the pointing and reading modes;

b) a light-transmissive window at one of the end regions on the housing and aimable at the target during the pointing mode, and at the indicia during the reading mode;

c) a plurality of electrical and optical components supported by the housing, for directing a light beam through the window, one of the electrical and optical components being movable between a first position in which said one of the electrical and optical components is operative for focusing the light beam at a first focus in the vicinity of the target during the pointing mode, and a second position in which said one of the electrical and optical components is operative for focusing the light beam at a second focus in the vicinity of the indicia during the reading mode, the first and second foci being located at different working distances relative to the window, another of the components being operative for scanning at least one of the light beam and a field of view

over the indicia during the reading mode to generate an electrical signal indicative of the indicia, and a memory for storing the electrical signal;

d) a manually actuatable switch mounted for movement by the user on the housing and operatively connected to said one of the electrical and optical components for manually moving said one of the electrical and optical components between said first and second positions to selectively focus the light beam at the first and second foci in the pointing and reading modes, respectively; and

e) a data output port at said one end region at the window, for downloading the electrical signal stored by the memory.

Claim 31 : (New) The instrument of claim 30; and further comprising a marking implement supported by the housing and having a marker at another end region of the housing and facing a surface to be marked.

Claim 32 : (New) The instrument of claim 30, wherein said one of the electrical and optical components is a focusing lens.

Claim 33 : (New) The instrument of claim 30; and further comprising a touch screen stylus at another end region of the housing.

Claim 34 : (New) The instrument of claim 30, wherein the plurality of electrical and optical components includes a drive for moving the light beam in a pattern over the target in the pointing mode.